

Mr. Taft in Minnesota.
When President Taft frankly avows in Minnesota that he believes "party solidarity" to be much more important than the reduction of rates in one or two schedules of the tariff, no further explanation is needed of his other declaration that "I am not here to defend the Payne bill, but support it."

It is as a Republican partisan, not as President of the United States, that Mr. Taft emphatically declares: "I can say without hesitation that this is the best tariff bill that the Republican party has ever passed, and, therefore, the best tariff bill that has been passed at all." Having promised downward revision before his election and having declared in his inaugural address that revenue should be the main purpose of tariff legislation, Mr. Taft must know the Payne tariff is the worst that ever was enacted. It breaks solemn promises made to the people, it was not framed to procure revenue, and it disappoints the expectations of a large majority of the American people more outrageously than any other legislation ever enacted in Washington.

At Winona, in Mr. Tawney's district, Mr. Taft spoke of the woollens schedule of the Payne law as unfortunately too high. He would have been more frank with the Minnesota voters if he had mentioned the long cottons schedule in which there is not a single reduction from the Dingley

rates and in which the increases with the wishes of their constituents. Mr. Taft's visit marks the beginning of a vicious war in the Republican party in that state as well as in Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Indiana and other pivotal states of the middle west. It makes the tariff the paramount issue in the congressional election of next year.—St. Louis Republic.

Hartman—Russell

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hartman, last evening at 8:30 o'clock was solemnized the marriage of Miss Matilda Hartman to Dr. S. B. Russell. Promptly at 8:30 the bridal party marched to the front room to the sweet strains of the wedding march, and Rev. H. C. Wharton pronounced words that made them man and wife. J. H. Hartman, brother of the bride, gave her away. Mrs. Ed Hartman was matron of honor. Misses Agnes and Anna Praeger and Messrs. Ben and Jim Hartman were ribbon bearers. Miss Blanche Hartman was flower girl and Miss Marie Warknitz was ring bearer.

After congratulations, light refreshments were served. Many beautiful presents were received.

Both the bride and groom are highly respected by their many friends who wish them unbounded joy and happiness in their future life. They will leave tomorrow for Denver where they will make their future home.—Hoisington Dispatch.

Drake—Beetz

Miss Willa Mabel Drake and Mr. Carl Beetz were married at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. C. R. Allen, Wednesday, September 22, at 8 p. m., Rev. Moore officiating. They were attended by Miss Mabel Gage, bridesmaid and Mr. Vernon Hoopes as best man. After the ceremony a fine lap supper was served consisting of cake, ice cream and fruit. The bride was dressed in white Messaline silk, the groom wore the conventional black. Miss Gage wore pink and the spacious rooms were decorated in white and pink, the colors all harmonizing. The wedding march was played by Mrs. Lena Hall.

In the parlor a large arch was made by a wedding bell suspended, under which the young couple took the vows that made them one.

Mrs. Beetz is a very popular young lady among her many friends and is well known in Hoisington and vicinity. Mr. Beetz is a prosperous young farmer and is universally liked by all who know him. They will go to house-keeping in their new pretty home one mile north of Hoisington.

These young people start in life under a very bright sky and all their friends unite in wishing them the best there is. They will be at home to their many friends after October 10.—Hoisington Dispatch.

Bell—Hester

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Bell, 8 miles northwest of Hoisington, occurred the marriage of their eldest daughter, Miss Edith, to Mr. James Hester of Galatia. The occasion was a quiet one, only relatives and a few close friends of the bride and groom being present.

At 6 p. m. the bride and groom took their places in the parlor which was nicely arranged for the occasion. Rev. T. S. Mosher, the officiating clergyman, pronounced the ceremony which united the lives of these two young people as husband and wife.

The bride was beautifully dressed in white messaline silk, the groom wearing the usual black. After the ceremony, congratulations followed, after which the guests were invited into the dining room where all partook of a sumptuous supper, prepared by the bride's mother.

The bride and groom are both well and favorably known in this community and the many friends bespeak for them a pleasant voyage through life. They received many nice and valuable presents, which showed the respect and esteem in which they are held by their many friends.

The evening was spent in social conversation until quite a late hour at which time the guests departed to their homes.—Hoisington Dispatch.

Rabus—Johnson

C. E. Johnson left Friday evening for Ellsworth where on Sunday morning at 7:30 o'clock he was united in marriage to Miss Mildred Rabus by Rev. Aller at the Christian parsonage. They arrived at Hoisington Tuesday morning, where they will make their future home. At present they have rooms at the residence of G. W. Cooney but expect to go to housekeeping soon.

The bride comes to us highly recommended as a young lady of exceptional worth and ability and one of the popular young ladies of Ellsworth. The many friends of Mr. Johnson are glad to welcome his bride to this city.

The groom, engaged in the laundry business in this city, is one of the most highly respected and well liked men of the community and his friends are numbered by his acquaintances.

We take pleasure in extending congratulations and wish them a journey through wedded life full of happiness and prosperity.—Hoisington Dispatch.

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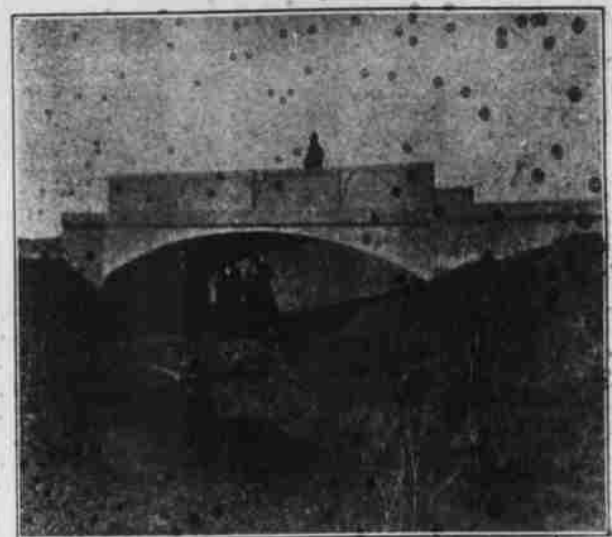
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